

Amendments to the Claims

The current listing of the claims replaces all previous amendments and listings of the claims.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A distinctive optical fiber comprising:
an optical fiber core;
a colored layer coated over the optical fiber core; and
a plurality of distinctive layers, ~~which comprise ink~~, disposed intermittently in a longitudinal direction of the optical fiber core between the optical fiber core and the colored layer, each distinctive layer comprising fine drops of ink and taking a substantial linear shape, wherein a ratio of a total length of the distinctive layers to a length of the distinctive optical fiber is less than or equal to 1:5.
2. (Previously Presented) The distinctive optical fiber described in claim 1, wherein a thickness of the distinctive layers is from 0.5 μm to 2.5 μm , and a thickness of the colored layer is from 2 μm and to 10 μm .
3. (Previously Presented) The distinctive optical fiber described in claim 1, wherein a length of the distinctive layers is from 1 mm to 15 mm.
4. (Previously Presented) The distinctive optical fiber described in claim 1, wherein an interval between the distinctive layers is from 1 mm to 200 mm.
5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) The distinctive optical fiber described in claim 1, wherein
~~the distinctive layers are formed from the fine drops~~ ~~drops of ink~~ each having have a major
diameter from 100 μm to 400 μm .

7-11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber cable comprising:
a plurality of optical fibers disposed in a conduit, at least one of the optical fibers
comprising:
an optical fiber core;
a colored layer disposed to cover the optical fiber core; and
a plurality of distinctive layers disposed intermittently in a longitudinal
direction of the optical fiber core between the optical fiber core and the colored layer, ~~the~~
~~plurality of each distinctive layers~~ layer comprising fine drops of ink and taking a substantial
linear shape, wherein a ratio of a total length of the distinctive layers to a length of the
distinctive optical fiber is less than or equal to 1:5.